

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1-2, 4-13 and 15-26 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 10 and 23 are independent. Claims 22-26 have been added.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by Rasaat (EP 0338703). Claims 4-5 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasaat in view of Hennessy et al. Claims 6-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasaat in view of Lu. Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasaat in view Lu and further in view of Hennessy et al. Claims 10-13 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being over of Rasaat in view of Lu. Claims 15-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasaat in view of Lu and further in view of Hennessy et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Rasaat shows displaying an image on a windscreen of a motorcycle. The image includes at least four characters. See column 4, lines 1-15. As illustrated in Fig. 5, the image includes a velocity 106 and an RPM 108.

Regarding Applicant's independent claims 1 and 10, Rasaat, and the other prior art of record, fails to show or suggest an arrangement "wherein said image is a stripe or linear pattern extending in a horizontal direction." A stripe or pattern extending in the horizontal direction would be an image such as: "-----" or "*****" or "oooooooo". For illustration purposes, see Applicants' Figures 6 and 7. Since Rasaat is informing the driver of vehicle functions (e.g.

RPM, temperature, speed), Rasaat must display alphanumeric data, and would not simply display a stripe or pattern extending in a horizontal direction.

Regarding claim 1, the present invention is displaying a warning to the driver about "traffic information," not an indication of a vehicle function. A warning can be effectively indicated by a stripe or pattern extending in the horizontal direction. The Applicants have discovered that the horizontal stripe or pattern is effective in warning the driver, yet does not distract the driver as the driver's eye move to the right and left past the warning. This is particularly important on a motorcycle, where balance and concentration are very important. These arguments were made in the last Amendment and are maintained by the Applicants.

Regarding claim 10, it is further respectfully submitted that none of the prior art of record show or suggest the positioning of the image in the peripheral field, as specifically claimed.

Claims 22-26 have been added to more clearly set forth the nature of the "traffic information" conveyed to the driver.

For the reasons as stated above, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Scott L. Lowe (Reg. No. 41,458) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to

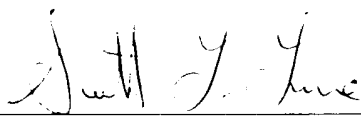
conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Claims

Claims 22-26 have been added.